

AGING, DEPARTMENT ON[17]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 231.23 and 17A.3, the Iowa Department on Aging hereby amends Chapter 1, "Introduction, Abbreviations and Definitions," Iowa Administrative Code.

The amendments work towards the creation of a single and comprehensive chapter of definitions applicable to all administrative rules chapters within the Department's administrative rules section.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on December 12, 2012, as **ARC 0508C**. The Department received no written comments. These amendments are identical to those published under Notice of Intended Action.

The Commission on Aging adopted these amendments on February 8, 2013.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 231.

These amendments will become effective on April 10, 2013.

The following amendments are adopted.

ITEM 1. Adopt the following new definitions in rule **17—1.5(231)**:

"ADRC coordination center" means an entity designated by the department that carries out duties and functions as mandated in rules promulgated by the department.

"ADRC local access point" means an entity designated by an ADRC coordination center that carries out duties and functions as mandated in rules promulgated by the department.

"Aging and disability resource center" or *"ADRC"* means the same as "Aging and Disability Resource Center" as defined in the federal Act.

"Options counseling" means the service of providing an interactive process whereby individuals receive guidance in their deliberations to make informed choices about long-term supports. The process is directed by the individual and may include others whom the individual chooses or those who are legally authorized to represent the individual. Options counseling may include but is not limited to the following: (1) a personal interview and assessment to discover strengths, values, and preferences of the individual and screenings for entitlement program eligibility, (2) a facilitated decision-making process which explores resources and service options and supports the individual in weighing pros and cons, (3) developing action steps toward a goal or a long-term support plan and assistance in applying for and accessing support options, and (4) follow-up to ensure supports and decisions are assisting the individual.

"Options counselor" means the person(s) responsible for providing the service of options counseling.

ITEM 2. Amend rule **17—1.5(231)**, definition of "Department on aging," as follows:

"Department on aging" or *"department"* means the sole state agency responsible for administration of the Older Americans Act and Iowa Code ~~chapter~~ chapters 231; and 231E ~~and~~ ~~249H~~ and other applicable laws or rules.

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